

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jason E. Brown; County Administrator

THROUGH: Stan Boling, AICP; Community Development Director

FROM: Phil Matson, AICP; MPO Staff Director

DATE: March 9, 2017

SUBJECT: Authorization of the First Martin County Invoice for Development of the 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP)

It is requested that the information herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of March 21, 2017.

DESCRIPTION & CONDITIONS

In 2006, the Florida Legislature enacted growth management legislation (Senate Bill 360) that provided new funding for regional roadway projects. In order to receive this funding, known as TRIP funds, the MPO was required to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Martin and St Lucie MPOs. Under the terms of that agreement, the three MPOs established a board with 2 MPO members from each county, known as the TCTC; established an advisory committee to the TCTC known as the RAC (Regional Advisory Committee); and developed a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) and Priority List.

In 2013, the results of the 2010 Census were published by the Census Bureau. According to the 2010 Census the southernmost portion of the Sebastian-Vero Beach Urbanized Area was determined to be “Contiguous” to the St. Lucie/Martin Urbanized Area. In response, FDOT urged the three MPOs to consider merging into a single MPO. In lieu of merging, FDOT informed the MPOs that they could retain their autonomy if they engaged in a number of regional coordination tasks, including performing a Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update which includes Regional/TRIP program eligible priority list.

Undertaking the Regional Long Range Plan also qualifies the MPO to receive TRIP funds, a program which has yielded approximately \$15 Million for road projects in Indian River County (including the widening of Oslo Road, CR 512, and 66th Avenue). Subsequently, on February 3, 2016, the Indian River MPO entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the St. Lucie and Martin MPOs for development of a 2040 Regional Long Range Plan. The Cost of that plan, \$60,000, was to be split evenly between the three MPOs. Further, under the terms of the Agreement, consultant expenses for the plan were to be administered by the Martin County MPO, which would be

reimbursed with equal contributions of \$20,000 apiece from St. Lucie and Indian River Counties.

Since last year, development of the 2040 RL RTP was initiated by the firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates, who was procured by Martin County and is currently a qualified General Planning Consultant to all three counties. Work on the project is approximately 50% complete; therefore Martin County has prepared the attached invoice for reimbursement under the terms of the approved MOU. The BCC now needs to authorize payment in accordance with the MOU.

FUNDING

The project was included in the MPO's UPWP and is being paid for 100% by Federal Highway Planning (PL) funds. There is no impact to County funds from this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the BCC authorize payment of the attached First Martin County Invoice for Development of the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RL RTP) as stipulated in the MOU between the Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie MPOs. Staff also recommends that the BCC authorize staff to approve subsequent invoices for development of the RL RTP at a cost not to exceed the \$20,000 local share agreed to in the attached MOU.

ATTACHMENT

First Martin County Invoice for Development of a 2040 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RL RTP)